

REMARKS

In the last Office Action claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Tinnerman (U.S. Patent No. 2, 266,832). Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Abbate (U.S. Patent No. 4,850,063). Claims 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tinnerman in view of Holton (U.S. Patent No. 3,364,807).

Claim 1-4 have been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and new claims 5-8 inclusive have been substituted therefore. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

New independent claim 5 specifically calls for a fastening device for anchorage in a receiving aperture in a plate comprising a main body have a threaded hole. The main body is provided with projecting sidewalls disposed in said aperture and projecting end portions extending beneath said plate. The fastening device is also provided with a wire cage having parallel bottom arms extending beneath said fastening device and extending upwardly through said aperture on opposite sides of said end portions of the main body and outwardly above said plate in opposite directions.

None of the references of record even remotely disclose such a fastening device. The only patent which even discloses projecting end portions on opposite sides of the main body is the patent to Abbate. As shown in figure 8 the projecting end portions extend beneath the plate. Abbate also discloses in figure 8, two projecting wire portions for holding the fastening device in the aperture of the plate. However the wire members are clearly not part of a wire cage having

parallel bottom arms extending beneath the fastening device and extending upwardly through the aperture on opposite sides of said end portions of the main body and outwardly said plate in opposite directions. Therefore it is submitted that claims 5-8 inclusive, are clearly patentable over the teachings of Abbate. Therefore it is submitted that claims 5-8 inclusive are clearly patentable over the references of record and is respectfully requested that these claims be allowed in the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and feels that an interview will be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

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